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THE LEADER wishes to commend the Dining Club force particularly Mr. Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton and Miss Milstead for the manner in which they served the all-school luncheon on Presidents Day.

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The Fort Hays Kansas Normal School is what it is, not because of any act of the legislature, the board of administration, or the president, but because God and geography made it what it is. This school must be of necessity more composite than any of the others because alone and single handed, without that aid of any other institution, or denominational college the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School serves the empire of Western Kansas.—Former Governor E. W. Hoch.

Tuesday, February 19, 1918

ARROWHEADS

When the Freshmen ordered flowers the other day the Sophomores supposed they were for the reception that is past due but were disappointed when they heard the Freshmen boasting of the letter of acknowledgement they received from President Lewis.

As the club has stopped serving "banana salad" for Sunday dinners Elma Creighton and Lulu German went to Margaret Chittenden's home for their last Sunday's meal.

When asked where John Callahan roomed Linguist replied: "He is a night watchman."

Mr. Roberts told his beginning French class that they should never study French alone. We notice Vivian Bonebrake has taken this to heart. A search of the second floor of the Administration building after four o'clock revealed the fact.

Miss Flanders hasn't quite decided whether she would rather teach gym classes or "beat drums"

Oliver Arnold puts his reading hours to good use. He was observed the other day to read an article on "What of Hypnotism" and finishing that he turned to another entitled "The Feminine Mind."

One of the Normal girls revises it thus
"Of all sad words
Of tongue or pen
The saddest are these
There are no men."

Last year Ed Davis made a bookcase. When he moved it home it was used for a china closet. Now he is making a bookcase.

The overworked music department revolted in assembly Thursday morning against giving the entire program.

People give various reasons for their choice of their major. One girl gives this reason, "I am majoring in English because Mr. Harvey had to miss so many classes."

A FEW OF THE TOASTS GIVEN
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For Some of the After Dinner
Talks of the Luncheon

"Over There"

(Toast of Mrs. Ruth B. Davis, Senior College)

Since my subject is "Over There" and I am here, I doubt that in the time allotted me, I can reach it. Besides this is my toastless day but because of the selective draft regulation of the Senior class I was forced to disregard my intentions. I shall try to Hooverize but not to the extent that a neighboring town's restaurant keeper did, when a traveler entered his place of business and ordered his dinner. The waiter brought his plate—"Here, waiter, this dish damp," said the traveler. "Ah," returned the waiter, "That's your soup."

I am playing the part of a "sub." Had Bert Clark been twins we might have enjoyed two good speeches from the Senior class today. This subject was handed to me much in the same way that a little girl handed the grocer a vinegar jug. Having forgotten the word vinegar she said, "Smell of that and give me a quart. The next

time I get into a position like this I hope I will be like the place the lightning struck." And now Jimmy, said his teacher, "why is it that lightning never strikes twice in the same place."

"Because," said Jimmy confidently "after it hit once, the same place isn't there any more."

But coming back to my subject which is still "Over There" what does this adverbial phrase suggest. Yesterday it suggested, perhaps, a peaceful journey into the great hereafter, free from strife, sufferings and dangers. It suggested a life completed, a task done, the top reached.

Today, it suggests battlefields, strange machines, soldiers, our soldiers, shot, shell, roar of guns, suffering, service, a task begun. A goal to be won and "Over the Top." It suggests the birthplace of World Democracy, not in a palace but in the hearts of humble peasants.

"We Meet Again"

(Toast of Arthur Hemphill—Freshman College)

In these days of stringent fuel control, we no longer rise before august assemblies, the tag on the coal shovel makes them more like February assemblies, but we rise just the same knowing well that you expect us to say something.

You might be led to believe that this is as it were, the most select and intelligent body which Western Kansas can produce and I realize that it will be impossible for me to deceive you, so I shall make a confession. Perhaps, I am somewhat like little Johnnie who hadn't spoken a word for two days and his mother had become very anxious about him. She called in the family physician and Johnnie underwent a very severe and minute examination. The family physician decided that Johnnie was the victim of some nervous malady but could not determine just what. Two more days passed and still Johnnie hadn't said a word. His mother was now very, very much worried and called a specialist from the city. Again Johnnie underwent a very severe and minute examination, at the end of which the great doctor turned to Johnnie's mother and said: "Why, I don't see any reason why Johnnie doesn't talk his vocal organs are perfect and he seems to be in the best of health generally." Then turning to Johnnie he asked: "Johnnie, why in the world don't you say something?" For a long moment the awful silence continued and then Johnnie's lips moved and he said: "Well, I ain't got nuthin' to say."

I am afraid that I have nothing to say. I am too patriotic to call this a sumptuous feast, whatever the facts may be, but in spite of the conflict between patriotism and epicurean delight within me, I realize that this banquet spread so patriotically on a meatless Tuesday is at least a satisfying feast, and knowing this I am not half so ill at ease when I remember the aphorism that you can never talk to a Faculty member or Sophomore when he is hungry. This knowledge also recalls to my mind that other aphorism, peculiarly significant to Kansas that you cannot talk to a Junior or Senior when he is dry. And here I stand before you, with all apologies to Solomon, a Freshman in all of his well known glory, well knowing that you can always tell a Freshman, even if you can't tell him very much.

In an audience of this kind I am here as a representative of the Freshman class, to go through a process of inflicting what at least three classes here will designate as a message of nothingness without any regard whatever to the weight, the import, the force, or the epoch making qualities of any speech that I might deliver.

Let us suppose, just for a moment, that we have gone through the four years of academ work together, that it is about two weeks before school starts, the slowest two weeks in all the year, and as we watch the two ribbons of black soil, turning, turning ever turning while we sit dreamily on the old gang plow occasionally waking to guide the colt back into the furrow or to assert a gentle pull on the bit of old Mac, who is inclined to be a little too fast for hot weather; or as we trudge slowly back and forth behind the show cases in the village store, replying to the endless "ain't it hot?" of each of our several customers with an almost automatic "It sure is;" or as we wash the dinner dishes or play the more esteemed role of lounge or hammock lizards, we are following a perfectly natural impulse and thinking how absolutely tickled to death we will be to get back in school and meet each other again.

And so in one of these, or some other manner the last two weeks drag by and we are ready to board the train for F. H. N.

We arrive, and as we have been here four years we are not troubled with selecting room and board as were in our Freshman academy year. We now speak from the standpoint of college Freshman. We are glad at

the sight of the campus, we are glad to see the old halls and class rooms which at times we used to think we were tired.

We are glad to greet our mates. We are glad to meet all the members of the student body. We are even glad to meet members of the faculty. We are glad, glad, glad that we can spend one more quiet year alone, together. We have met again.

"When I First Saw the Light"

(Toast of Beulah DeWees—Freshman Academy.)

Subjects of this type are usually given to classes which are good-natured and willing to accept any joke which might be intended for them. Therefore this is why we were given this particular subject or at least that is our guess.

Most students wait until they have entered their first sometimes their second year of academic work to acquire any knowledge of social life. The Freshman Academy class of this year 1917-18 had the opportunity of seeing the light to a great extent before they saw the sun shining on the Western Kansas Normal. This is entirely out of the ordinary for most students. Previous to this year all the Freshman Academy students after arriving safely in Hays, with both hands full of suit cases, books and other things, proceeded to go to the main office at the Normal where they willingly offered their Dad's check to pay for catalogs, programs and application blanks. They also asked for a reserved seat in the front row in the balcony where they might be able to see the speaker at general assembly. We are very proud of the fact that none of our classmates have been compelled to carry this honor. But instead of this many of our classmates have been classed as Senior College people and one frequently is known as a Faculty member. This one, whom you all know or should know is "Uncle Sam." No other class has the honor of having so noble a character whom the whole world is looking for help.

With a class that has progressed so rapidly during their Freshman year, what can we hope for after eight long years of hard toil which the present Senior College people have spent here. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind but that many scientific problems which are puzzling to the world will be cleared away in an instant when we are Senior College people of F. H. N.

Fort Hays Normal, may it ever be worthy our heartiest love and continue to draw it forth without stint!

"Merrily We Roll Along"

(Toast of George Kutina—Junior Academy.)

I do not quite understand why my class chose me to deliver this after-dinner talk, I know very well that there are others in my class that could deliver it much better. Probably they chose me because I am a little taller, or, a little longer in length than any of the rest, and that I might be heard and seen a little easier, but they did not stop to think that I am very much shorter in breath.

In spite of the fact that they have placed upon me a very heavy burden and I will probably become wind broken before I reach my destination. I will hasten to say, that I believe we have the best Junior Academic class that has ever attended the Fort Hays Normal. I feel just at Pat did when he was asked, "Isn't one man just as good as another," Pat replied, "Yes one man is just as good as another, and a little better," and that is just the way I feel about our class, it is just as good as any other and a little better. I have several reasons to believe this. First of all, we have in our class Abell, as you all know a bell as a very important article in school life, so is Abell very important in our class. He is not the kind of a bell that makes a loud ringing sound when you shake him, but he can make just as much noise as any when he gets started. Second we have with us Law, law has helped to hold the classes of the people together for centuries, and so is Law helping to hold our class together. There is one good thing about it whenever we have a dispute in our class, we can go to Law and get a decision without going out of our class. Third we have with us Breitweiser, he is bright and wiser in his decisions than most of us, and he has decided to stay in our class this year. In our opinion he is next to Law, and when ever we want a decision or anything and Law isn't around we call on Breitweiser, he usually gives us a bright and wise decision.

Now I must say with Abell, Law and Breitweiser, and the rest of the class combined, we are merrily merrily rolling along through school life with a good road ahead of us, a road that has been made very plain and very smooth by those who have traveled it ahead of us. This road as I see it is very plain, smooth, and as I look farther ahead I see many
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(Address of Miss Merle Caswell delivered President's Day, February 12, 1918.)

The soldier of old Fort Hays, the man who claimed this western country for a new civilization, left the ground on which the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School is now built, for whatever the coming generation might wish to use it. After the last Indian had been routed and after General Custer had sounded the last reveille to the troops on the military reservation, some man from Kansas, who had a vision, asked congress to cede the land to the State of Kansas for the establishment of a Soldier's Home. Congress failed to act. In 1895 a bill for setting aside the reservation for educational purposes was again introduced into Congress, but President Cleveland, either from lack of time or because he thought the bill not important enough to merit his consideration let it die. Finally in March 1900, the Kansas delegation in Congress succeeded in getting the land and buildings ceded to the state of conditioned upon the states perpetually maintaining the two educational institutions named in the law; a branch of the State Normal School and a branch Experiment Station of the State Agricultural College.

Thus eleven years after the last red man had hunted the buffalo on the plains of Western Kansas, the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School was launched on its career, on the last frontier, where the most vigorous life of the United States was gathered together to develop this new civilization on Monday, June the 23, 1902. It was placed here for the express purpose of serving the young people of Western Kansas. The manner in which this duty may privilege has been treasured can be measured only by the achievements of it's alumni.

The alumni of the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School, the greatest asset the school possesses. They are the ones to whom is entrusted the task of making a reputation for the school. The alumni is the cash capital on which an institution must do business. The ratings of the school in the affairs of life are all determined by the rating of the alumni. It is for this reason that the Normal School watches with great pride and satisfaction the achievements of those who have been former students within it's walls. We are very mindful of the fact that the institution which does not cling to it's children will find itself in a world where neither sympathy nor helpful service is rendered unto it.

Since that memorable day in June with such an insignificant beginning approximately 300 students have been graduated thus becoming the alumni of the Fort Hays Normal School. How have these people kept faith with their alma mater? Did they on leaving school become men

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and women who did things or did they become parasites of society? In looking over the record made by the ex-graduate we find that they have a record that bespeaks action.

Just now there is given an opportunity to every young man to aid in upholding one of the most sublime principles that the world has ever conceived of, that of making the world safe for Democracy. That our alumni have answered this call for service valiantly have responded nobly to the vision of life upheld in our school is shown by the number of former F. H. N. students in uniform. James P. Callahan is fighting somewhere in France for the ideals he received while in school. If he were to come home now he would be known as Serg. J. P. Callahan. Corporal E. H. Cummings identified with Callahan in student life is identified with him now in that he too has become a man of action for Uncle Sam, somewhere in France.

These young men exemplify the spirit that prevails in our school, that of becoming serviceable not noticeable. Mr. Beiker, the man who formerly found his service in helping students out of difficulties is now helping Uncle Sam out of difficulties at Camp Funston. Corporal Klemm at one time a students in our college acted on his belief in wholesome amusements for men in cantonments when he aided 353rd Kansas, in obtaining it's recreation hall. Tommy Mock, Johnnie Johnson and Asa King are doing their bit playing for Uncle Sam. Elmer Dougherty flies for Uncle Sam.

The graduates of the Fort Hays Normal School are scattered all over Canada and throughout South Amer-

ica and even into the old world where one little woman is serving the highest ideals of a life in Bombay, India, studying the Indian language in preparation for Missionary work. Before our entrance into the War Lieut. Wm. Bot found his niche for service in the grade school of Detroit, Mich. Orren O. Lahman will be found teaching bookkeeping in Springfield, Mo. Florence N. Peppiatt has carried the spirit of F. H. N. to North Dakota. James Johansen is carrying his message to the pupils of Reno, Nev. Barbara Ivan is working among the Indians at Altursa, Calif. Mrs. H. R. Phalen is influencing in her way the College at Berea, Ky. We can truly say that the influence of our school has been spread from north to south and from the east to the west by our alumni.

First and foremost the Fort Hays Normal is a school for teachers. The first graduate Walla M. Murray is the principal of the High School at Russell Springs, Kansas. Louis Christiansen who might be called the second graduate is Superintendent of Public Instruction of Ellis County. A. D. Haas of Hill City, Jean Cave of Paradise, Claude Earle of Cawker City, and L. D. Leighton of Hiawatha are among those who left school to become superintendents of other schools. A number of the alumni have felt that the Normal needed their service again and have come to be numbered among our faculty.

Lulu M. Davis, Britts Harris, Loree Cave, Edwin Davis, Elsie Macintosh, Mahree Hamilton and W. W. Sullivan are former students who have held positions among our faculty. Both the Life Certificate and the Degree classes of '17, without an exception went into either military work or school work of some kind. As the alumni have made good in school work so have they been of service in other lines of work. Harry Neilson a former F. H. N. man, scoring for Kansas in the annual fray between the Jayhawkers and the Corn Huskers, the first time Kansas has scored against Nebraska for many years.

Last to be mentioned but not least by any means in the service they are rendering no matter where they may be are the Fort Hays Normal home-keepers. As Callahan and Beiker have become fighters for Uncle Sam so Mrs. McVey and Mrs. Irwin have become food conservers that Democracy might live. With the same high ideals, good fellowship and knowledge they received while in school the girls of the alumni have builded up the home life of Western Kansas. With the spirit of the school as the spirit of the home, Western Kansas has developed as no other part of our country has developed. This morning we have listened to the tale of the alumni and what they have done. They have indeed kept faith with their alma mater. May we when we have become alumni keep faith as well as have those who have gone before us.

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